ADDITIONAL QUESTION AND ANSWER, SIR DTFAWA-10-R-00032 (IN RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT 0001)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following is a question received in response to Amendment 0001, along with the corresponding response.

a. Based on the responses to questions posted as part of Amendment 001, we have a follow up question regarding the addition of language concerning the Small Business Subcontracting Plan requirement. As this requirement has been added a bit late in the proposal process, especially as it concerns the evaluation criteria included at Section M.2.1, would it be possible for FAA to confirm if offerors (other than small businesses) are required to include actual subcontractors as part of their bid? Alternatively, may large business offerors submit the required Small Business Subcontracting Plan in accordance with the stated goals in Section H.10, and add small business subcontracting partners after contract award as subcontracting opportunities are identified? Section L.10, Part F – List of Subcontractors, requires a list of subcontractors that will be working on this requirement. However, in light of the late addition of these requirements and the relatively low threshold of the SIR NAICS code (under which partners may only qualify as a small business subcontractor if their gross annual receipts for the past three years is at or below \$2M) offerors will have a difficult time identifying qualified small business partners prior to the current proposal submission date. As the field of qualified subcontracting partners that meet the \$2M threshold is limited, it will take offerors more time than usual to select appropriate partners and build teams.

Answer: Within the guidance for preparing a subcontracting plan (see AMS Clause 3.6.1-4) there is not a requirement to explicitly name which companies will be subcontracted for this procurement. SIR Section L.10, Part F does request the names and addresses of subcontractors who will work on this requirement. However, subcontractors can also be added post award. Please see Amendment 0001- Attachment I, Section H, part X for a related Question and Answer.